

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/22/2008 has been entered.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments regarding the newly recited claim language, filed 1/22/2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1,3,4,6,8,9-15,29-34 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection would have been made. The examiner agreed to an examiner's amendment to place the claims in allowable form.
3. Claims 6-8,20-22 and 29-34 are cancelled.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey A. Haeberlin (Reg. No.40,630) on 4/11/2008

**The claims are to be amended as follows:**

**Claim 19: CANCEL**

**Claim 23, line 1:** after "claim", delete 19 and insert - - 1 - - .

**Claim 1 is to be amended to recite:**

1. An audio mixing console, comprising:  
a plurality of connectors for receiving a plurality of video signals for broadcast;  
a plurality of input connectors for receiving a plurality of audio signals for broadcast;  
a control panel that includes a plurality of user operable audio channel controls, wherein each of said user operable audio channel controls is operable to select a predetermined audio processing function for a respective one of said audio signals for broadcast;  
a plurality of discrete display monitors that are integral to the audio mixing console, each monitor for displaying a discrete one of said plurality of video signals for broadcast , a signal processing unit operably connected to said control panel for generating an audio output signal, and  
three tallies associated with each display monitor and integral to the audio mixing console, wherein a first tally functions as an indicator that the associated monitor is currently a program preview display, a second tally functions as an indicator that the associated monitor is currently a program out display, and a third tally functions as an indicator that an audio channel linked to the associated display is the audio output signal.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-5,9-18,23-28 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claim 1 and 25, prior art Dudkowski (US 7,006,154) discloses an audio mixing console (Figures 1-3, all components of Figure 2 are included in the portable housing of Figure 3, column 8, lines 38-41), comprising: at least one input connector for receiving a video signal for broadcast (column 9, lines 24-25 and lines 36-41); at least one input connector for receiving an audio signal (column 9, lines 36-41); at least one display monitor integral to the audio console for displaying a video signal for broadcast and for displaying a video signal that corresponds to a preview video or an alternative camera video (Figure 3, 330 display monitor; column 7, lines 8-17; column 6, lines 48-61; column 6, lines 1-7); and a signal-processing unit for generating an audio output signal (audio system 160, Figure 1). Prior art Silfvast (US 6,782,382) discloses a control panel that includes a plurality of user operable audio channel controls, wherein each of said user operable audio channel controls is operable to select a predetermined audio processing function for a respective audio channel (Figures 3 and 4). Prior art Richards (US 5,181,114) discloses the concept of a separate monitor for the preview video and a separate monitor for the video signal for broadcast (Figure 2; column 3, lines 45-48 and 56-58).

Regarding claim 1 and 25, the prior art or combination thereof fails to disclose or make obvious three tallies associated with each display monitor and integral to the audio mixing console, wherein a first tally functions as an indicator that the associated monitor is currently a program preview display, a second tally functions as an indicator

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that the associated monitor is currently a program out display, and a third tally functions as an indicator that an audio channel linked to the associated display is the audio output signal.

Therefore the prior art or combination thereof fails to disclose or make obvious an audio mixing console as claimed.

Claims 2-5, 9-18, 23, 24, 26-28 are allowed due to dependency on claims 1 and 25.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEVONA E. FAULK whose telephone number is (571)272-7515. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on 571-272-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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